Responses to Questions on Notice

Received at the 19 September 2019 Planning Meeting of Council

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GHD Contract I2019/1500

At Council's Planning Meeting held on 19 September 2019, Matthew Lambourne tabled the following question which was taken on notice:

With reference to Resolution 17-585 and the Construction Environmental Management Plan by GHS dated March 2019, what was the last date on which Council entered into a new contract or a new service under an existing contract with GHD, and when did Council become aware that GHD were performing work for Adani?

Response Director Corporate and Community Services and Director Infrastructure Services:

While Council resolved not to do work with Adani related companies it noted that some tenders were already underway and therefore these were to continue.

GHD has continued to perform work in relation to the Bypass, including preparation of the Bio Banking, and to complete the referral to the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy.

While Council has still not officially heard from GHD, our understanding that they were working for Adani in 2017 was based on information on the Marketforce website. A recent review of GHD's website confirms that the company has a contract with Adani which expires in early December 2019.